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| 6 | UNITED STATES BA | NKRUPTCY COURT |
| 7 | WESTERN DISTRICT OF W | ASHINGTON AT TACOMA |
| 8 | In re: | |
| 9 | | CHAPTER 13 |
| 10 | WILLIAM JOSEPH YOUNG | NO. 22-40187-MJH |
| | Debtor. | |
| 11 | | ADVERSARY NO. 22-04020-MJH |
| 12 | WILLIAM JOSEPH YOUNG, surviving husband of KAROLYN R. YOUNG, | |
| 13 | Plaintiff, | AMENDED COMPLAINT |
| 14 | V. | |
| 15 | U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE | |
| 16 | FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST; QUALITY LOAN SERVICE | |
| 17 | CORPORATION OF WASHINGTON; AND FAY SERVICING, LLC | |
| 18 | Defendants. | |
| 19 | | |
| 20 | COMES NOW the Plaintiff, William Joseph | Young, by and through their attorney of record, |
| 21 | David Smith of the Law Offices of David Smith, an | d for causes of action, alleges as follows: |
| 22 | i impredicatio | NI A NID XZENILIE |
| 23 | I. JURISDICTIO | N AND VENUE |
| 24 | 1.1 <u>Jurisdiction.</u> This Court has jurisdict | tion over this matter pursuant to 28 |
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| 1 | U.S.C. §157 and 11 U.S.C. §506. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §157. | |
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| 2 | 1.2 <u>Venue.</u> Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1409(a). | |
| 3 | 1.3 <u>Statutory Bases of Action.</u> This adversary proceeding is based on 11 U.S.C. | |
| 4 | §506, Fed.R.Bankr.P. 3012, and Fed.R.Bankr.P. 7001. | |
| 5 | II. PARTIES AND FACTUAL BACKGROUND | |
| 6 7 | 2.1 Plaintiff herein is the debtor in the above-captioned Chapter 13 bankruptcy and is a | |
| 8 | resident of Pierce County, Washington. Plaintiff is the survivor of Karolyn R. Young. There has been | |
| 9 | no probate. | |
| 10 | 2.2 The Plaintiff is owner of the Real Property located at 3509 188 th St E, Tacoma, WA | |
| 11 | 98446 Pierce County Washington Parcel No. 0319354066 ("Subject Property"). | |
| 12 | 2.3 The Subject Property is split into two Tax Parcels, Tax Parcel Nos. 0319354105 and | |
| 13 | 0319354106. | |
| 14 | 2.4 The Tax Assessor's abbreviated legal description for tax parcel 0319354105 is: | |
| 15 | Section 35 Township 19 Range 03 Quarter 41 SEG FOR TAX PURPOSES | |
| 16 | PROP E 1/2 OF E 1/2 OF W 1/2 OF S 1/2 OF NE OF SE EASE OF REC SEG | |
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| 18 | | |
| 19 | 2.5 The Tax Assessor's abbreviated legal description for tax parcel 0319354106 is: | |
| 20 | Section 35 Township 19 Range 03 Quarter 41 SEG FOR TAX PURPOSES ONLY | |
| 21 | CANNOT BE SOLD OR SUBD WITHOUT 4-105 N 1/2 OF FOLL DESC PROP E 1/2 OF E 1/2 OF W 1/2 OF S 1/2 OF NE OF SE EASE OF REC SEG 2016- 0365 | |
| 22 | JP 05/05/16 JP Hereinafter ("Tax Parcel B") | |
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| 2 | 2.6 Defendant U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER |
| 3 | PARTICIPATION TRUST ("US BANK"), is the current beneficiary of a certain Deed of Trust |
| 4 | recorded under Pierce County Auditor's File No. 200608110372 on August 11, 2006. ("US BANK |
| 5 | Deed of Trust"). A true and accurate copy of the US BANK Deed of Trust is attached hereto and |
| 6 | incorporated herein as Exhibit A. |
| 7 | 2.7 Defendant FAY SERVICING LLC ("FAY") is a Corporation which conducts business |
| 8 | in Pierce County, Washington. SPS is the current Mortgage Servicer of the US BANK Deed of Trust. |
| 9 | 2.8 Defendant QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION OF WASHINGTON |
| 10 11 | ("QLS") is a Corporation which conducts business in Pierce County, Washington. SPS is the current |
| 12 | Mortgage Trustee of the Deed of Trust. |
| 13 | 2.9 <u>Property.</u> The property securing the Defendant's claim and subject to the US |
| 14 | BANK Deed of Trust is Tax Parcel A and is located at the primary residence of the Plaintiff, 3509 |
| | |
| 15 | 188 th St E, Tacoma, WA 98446. The US BANK Deed of Trust uses the full legal description of Tax |
| 16 | Parcel A as follows: |
| 17 | The South half of the East half of the West half of the South Half of the Northeast |
| 18 | quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 35, Township 19 North, Range 3 East of |
| 19 | the Willamette Meridian, records of Pierce County Auditor. |
| 20 | TOGETHER WITH non-exclusive easement for power and road purposes over the South 30 feet of the East 410 feet of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter |
| 21 | of Section 35, Township 19 North, Range 3 East of the Willamette Meridian, as granted by Instrument Dated April 21, 1962, recorded April 30, 1962, under |
| 22 | Recording No. 196433; |
| 23 | ALSO a non-exclusive easement for power and road purposes over the South 30 feet of the West half of the West half of the South half of the Northeast quarter of the |
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| 1 | Southeast quarter of Section 35, Township 19 North, Range 3 East of the Wilamette Meridian. | |
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| 2 | Situate in the County of Pierce, State of Washington. | |
| 4 | Tax Parcel No. 0319354105 | |
| 5 | 2.10 The Subject Property, as described above, is encumbered by one lien which is the US | |
| 6 | BANK Deed of Trust lien, also described above. | |
| 7 | 2.11 The US BANK Deed of Trust lien only encumbers one-half of the Plaintiffs Subject | |
| 8 | Property as opposed to the entire parcel because the Deed of Trust Lien property description is the | |
| 9 | property description of Tax Parcel A. | |
| 10 | 2.12 Sometime prior to the execution of the US BANK Deed of Trust, parcel number | |
| 11 | 0319354066 was split into the two tax parcels, parcel numbers 0319354105 and 0319354106, but the | |
| 12 | | |
| 13 | 2.13 Tax Parcel A has the legal description described in the US BANK Deed of Trust and | |
| 14 | the Debtors home is located on Tax Parcel A. | |
| 15 | 2.14 The Defendants only have a lien interest in the Subject Property as to the portion of | |
| 16 | the Subject Property described by Tax Parcel A. | |
| 17 | 2.15 The US BANK Deed of Trust, as written, does not contain the legal description for | |
| 18 19 | Tax Parcel B. | |
| 20 | | |
| 21 | 2.16 The original drafter of the US BANK Deed of Trust was Taylor, Bean & Whitaker | |
| 22 | Mortgage Corp. | |
| 23 | 2.17 The Plaintiff agreed to encumber only Tax Parcel A portion the Subject Property. | |
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| 1 | 2.18 | The Plaintiff filed a Chapter 7 bankruptcy on August 4, 2011 and obtained a discharge |
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| 2 | on November | 15, 2011 discharging the promissory note subject to the US BANK Deed of Trust. |
| 3 | 2.19 | The Plaintiff filed this Chapter 13 on February 17, 2023. |
| 4 | 2.20 | The Defendant US BANK, through its servicer FAY, filed a proof of claim on or about |
| 5 | April 27, 2022 | 2. See Claims Register, Claim No. 1 ("Defendants Claim"). In its filed claim, |
| 6 | Defendants cl | aim that the amounts owed are for "Money Loaned". |
| 7 | 2.21 | The Defendants Claim is unclear as to whether the Defendants Claim is based upon |
| 8 | Personal liabi | lity of the Debtor (In Personam) versus only being against the Subject Property (In |
| 9 | Rem). | |
| 10 11 | 2.24 | The Debtor asserts that the Defendants Claim is an In Rem Claim. |
| 12 | 2.22 | The Defendants Claim asserts that the cure for default on the loan is \$284,308.16. |
| 13 | 2.23 | The Defendants Claim asserts that a total amount of \$477,477.07 is the amount of the |
| 14 | | against the Subject Property. |
| | secured craim | against the Subject Property. |
| 15 | 2.24 | According to Defendant's Claim, as of January 1, 2016, six years prior to the filing of |
| 16 | the Bankrupto | y herein, the amount of arrearage due and owing by the Debtor was \$119,990.62. |
| 17 | 2.26. | The Debtor believes the Statute of Limitation has run on all payments which accrued |
| 18 19 | more than six | years prior to the filing of his bankruptcy, at least \$119,990.62, now is no longer |
| 20 | collectable an | d that portion of the Defendants Claim should be disallowed. |
| 21 | <u>III</u> | DECLARATORY JUDGMENT TO DETERMINE OF THE VALIDITY AND |
| 22 | | EXTENT OF THE DEFENDANT'S LIEN |
| 23 | 3.1 | The Debtor incorporates by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth |
| 24 | herein. | |
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| 1 | The Claim arises under the Federal Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2201, |
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| 2 | bankruptcy rules 7001(2) and 7001(9) and 11 U.S.C. §506(a). |
| 3 | 3.3 An actual legal and substantial controversy exists between the parties as to the validity |
| 4 | and extent of the Defendant's US BANK Deed of Trust Lien. |
| 5 | 3.4 As set forth above, the Debtor is the owner of the Subject Property and the Defendants |
| 6 | have a US BANK Deed of Trust Lien encumbering one-half of Subject Property under Tax Parcel A. |
| 7 | Tax Parcel No. A is legally described as: |
| 8 9 | Section 35 Township 19 Range 03 Quarter 41 SEG FOR TAX PURPOSES ONLY CANNOT BE SOLD OR SUBD WITHOUT 4-106 S 1/2 OF FOLL DESC PROP E 1/2 OF E 1/2 OF W 1/2 OF S 1/2 OF NE OF SE EASE OF REC SEG 2016- 0365 JP 05/05/16 JP |
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| 11 | 3.5 As set for above the Debtor owns the other half of the Subject Property under Tax |
| 12 | Parcel B and Tax Parcel B is unencumbered by the Defendants US BANK Deed of Trust Lien. |
| 13 | 3.6 Based upon the Defendants Proof of Claim, the extent of the lien is unclear as to |
| 14 | whether the lien asserted by the Defendants is "In Rem" only and is not "In Personam". |
| 15 | 3.7 Accordingly, Debtor respectfully requests a declaratory judgment or order of this Court |
| 16 | declaring: |
| 17 | (1) that the Defendants only hold a valid perfected and enforceable lien against that portion of |
| 18 | the Subject Property to the extent of the description provided in the US BANK Deed of Trust which is |
| 19 | legally described in Tax Parcel A and that the remainder of the Subject Property is not subject to the |
| 20 | Defendants Security Interest; |
| 21 | (2) that upon completion of any foreclosure of the US BANK Deed of Trust that the |
| 22 | Defendants will hold a partial divided interest in the Subject Property as legally described in Tax |
| 23 | Parcel A; |
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| 1 | (3) that the foreclosing Trustee, QLS, or any other person or entity designated as the |
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| 2 | foreclosing Trustee be directed by the Defendants during the foreclosure proceedings, to Execute a |
| 3 | Trustees Deed containing the Tax Parcel A description and language describing the Defendants |
| 4 | interest in the Subject Property as a partial divided interest; |
| 5 | (4) that upon completion of any foreclosure of the US BANK Deed of Trust held by the |
| 6 | Defendants that the Debtor will hold a partial divided interest in the Subject Property as legally |
| 7 | described in Tax Parcel B; |
| 8 | (5) that upon completion of any foreclosure of the US BANK Deed of Trust by the Defendants |
| 9 | that the Debtors interest in the Subject Property as legally described in Tax Parcel B shall be deemed |
| 10 | unencumbered by the Defendants; and |
| 11 | (6) that any foreclosure or claims action brought by the Defendants against the Debtor to |
| 12 | enforce US BANK Deed of Trust shall be deemed an "In Rem" proceeding only. |
| 13 | IV. OBJECTION TO DEFENDANTS PROOF OF CLAIM |
| 14 | 4.1 The Debtor incorporates by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth |
| 15 | herein. |
| 16 | 4.2 The Defendants filed Proof of Claim No. 1 ("Defendant's Claim") |
| 17 | 4.3 The Claim arises under bankruptcy rule 3007, 7001, 3012 and 11 U.S.C. §506(a). |
| 18 | 4.4 An actual legal and substantial controversy exists between the parties as to the amount |
| 19 | of the Defendant's Claim No. 1. |
| 20 | 4.5 The Defendant's Claim provides for payments due and owing from February 2009 |
| 21 | until February of 2022. |
| 22 | 4.6 The Debtor asserts that the Statute of Limitations has run on any payments that have |
| 23 | come due and owing that are older than six years prior to the filing of the bankruptcy herein. See |
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| 1 | Copper Creek (Marysville) Homeowners Ass'n v. Kurtz, 21 Wn App. 2d 605, 508 P.3d 179, 186 |
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| 2 | (2022) Review Granted 200 Wash. 2d 1001, 516 P.3d 377. ("The statute of limitations on each of the |
| 3 | missed installments began running from the date they came due. Bankruptcy did not toll the statute of |
| 4 | limitations"). |
| 5 | 4.7 The Defendant's filed claim contains amounts that are older than six years prior to the |
| 6 | filing of the Debtors Bankruptcy. |
| 7 | 4.8 The Debtor estimates the amount of the claim that should be disallowed is at least |
| 8 | \$119,990.62 or such other amount to be determined by the Court. |
| 9 | 4.9 Pursuant to bankruptcy rule 3012 and 11 U.S.C. §506(a), that portion of Defendant's |
| 10 | Claim that are for payments and principal that are older than six years prior to the bankruptcy filing |
| 11 | should be disallowed. |
| 12 | V. PRAYER FOR RELIEF |
| 13 | The Plaintiff requests a declaratory judgment or order be entered in favor of the Debtor |
| 14 | and against the Defendants as follows: |
| 15 | (1) that the Defendant only holds a valid perfected and enforceable lien against that portion of |
| 16 | the Subject Property to the extent of the description provided in the US BANK Deed of Trust which is |
| 17 | legally described in Tax Parcel A and that the remainder of the Subject Property is not subject to the |
| 18 | Defendants Security Interest; |
| 19 | (2) that upon foreclosure of the US BANK Deed of Trust that the Defendants will hold a partial |
| 20 | divided interest in the Subject Property as legally described in Tax Parcel A; |
| 21 | (3) that the foreclosing Trustee, QLS, or any other person or entity designated as the |
| 22 | foreclosing Trustee be directed by the Defendants to Execute a Trustees Deed upon foreclosure |
| 23 | containing the Tax Parcel A description only and that the Defendants interest in the Subject Property is |
| 24 | a partial divided interest; |
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| 1 | (4) that upon foreclosure of the US BANK Deed of Trust by the Defendants that the Debtor |
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| 2 | will hold a partial divided interest in the Subject Property as legally described in Tax Parcel B; |
| 3 | (5) that upon foreclosure of the US BANK Deed of Trust by the Defendants that the Debtors |
| 4 | interest in the Subject Property as legally described in Tax Parcel B shall be an unencumbered by the |
| 5 | Defendants; and |
| 6 | (6) that any foreclosure or claims action brought by the Defendants against the Debtor to |
| 7 | enforce US BANK Deed of Trust shall be an "In Rem" proceeding only. |
| 8 | 5.2 The Plaintiff requests that the portion of Proof of Claim No. 1 for payments and |
| 9 | principal that are older than six years prior to the bankruptcy filing be disallowed in the amount of |
| 10 | \$119,990.62 or such other amount to be determined by the Court. |
| 11 | 5.3 The Plaintiff requests a declaratory judgment or order entered in favor of the Debtor |
| 12 | declaring that any claim by the Defendants herein shall only be against the Subject Property ("In |
| 13 | Rem") and not against the Debtor "In Personam". |
| 14 | 5.2 Judgment against Defendants for costs and attorney fees pursuant to contract and |
| 15 | statute. |
| 16 | 5.3 For such further relief as the Court deems just and equitable in the premise. |
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| 18 | DATED this 14 th day of July 2023 |
| 19 | By: /s/ David C. Smith |
| 20 | David C. Smith, WSBA #29824 Attorney for Debtor |
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